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SENATOR BEUTLER: And would the sale barn be owned by the city?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, I don't believe it would, would it, Senator Koch? The sale barn would not be owned by the city. It would be...no, it would not be owned by the city or operated by the city.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It would not be owned and operated by the city.

SENATOR CULLAN: It is the same theory that applies to other tax increment financing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: On the Cornhusker project, for example, the civic center is going to be owned by the city or this convention center is going to be owned by the city, is that not correct, Senator Koch?

SENATOR KOCH: No, sir, Senator Beutler. It will be by a developer who signs a contract with the city for the purpose of developing it and they are the owners. The only thing the city does is they develop the land that is to be made ready for the development.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It was represented to me that the City of Lincoln would own \$4.2 million of the Cornhusker project including the convention center, is that not correct?

SENATOR KOCH: The city can be a partner...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me.

SENATOR KOCH: In this case that we are talking about, the city can be a partner with the developer and in this case it would be the parking and certain kind of facilities that lend themselves to the public. In the case I think Senator Cullan is talking about in Alliance if they were to proceed with this and build the auction facility, that would...I am sure the city would probably not be a partner or they could be in some case but doubtful. This would be a developer, private enterprise, who would agree with that city to proceed with the development and the land would be developed for them to start that process.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think this is the beginning of a very bad development and it is starting already and it is entirely predictable. First we have convention and civic centers, and in the case